

BIRMINGHAM-Congressman Spencer Bachus is proud to announce that Laurel Berryhill was named the winner of the Congressional Arts Caucus Competition “An Artistic Discovery” for Alabama’s 6th Congressional District. Her “untitled” lifelike drawing of bottles reflecting light will be displayed in the tunnel connecting the House Office Buildings and the United States Capitol Building. The piece took 3 months to complete, and by virtue of winning, Laurel and two guests are invited to Washington. Their trip is to be underwritten by Southwest Airlines, Vulcan Materials, and the office of Congressman Bachus. “This is an opportunity for young people to showcase their amazing artistic talents”, said Congressman Bachus.

Lieutenant Colonel Steve Berryhill, Laurel’s father, is currently deployed in the Middle East with the 117th Air Wing. He was also deployed during Operation Enduring Freedom. Mrs. Wendy Berryhill described the past year as a “huge challenge” and “a long hard year”. Congressman Bachus reminds us, “This is another reminder that we should pray for our troops and their families, as they are our friends, neighbors, and colleagues.”

A panel of art experts judged the submissions from 9-12th graders from the 6th District. Emily Trocale of Mountain Brook High School took second place with her work “Revealed”. Third place went to Chandler Mapes, also of Mountain Brook High School, for “Tear Drops on Charlotte’s Web”. “We should be proud of the excellence our schools have produced”, stated Congressman Bachus.